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**REPLY BRIEF**

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer dated September 29, 2005. The Board is also authorized to deduct any amounts required for this Reply Brief and to credit any amounts overpaid to Deposit Account No. 502264.


**REPLY**

The Examiner equates the carrier 62 of Ikeya to the load plate recited by Claims 1, 8 and 14, but concludes the Response to Argument in the Examiner's Answer by stating "the carrier 62 is coupled to the socket frame 10 in open and closed positions of the load plate 12." Ikeya does have a cover 12 that closes and opens to hold or release a processor in a socket, however the Examiner cannot rely on the cover 12 as disclosing open and closed positions if the Examiner relies on the carrier 62 as disclosing the recited load plate. The cover of Ikeya is not coupled to the carrier in the open position, just as the carrier of Ikeya is not coupled to the socket when the carrier is removed from the socket. In other words, the carrier fails to disclose an open position in which the carrier is coupled to the socket as required by the claims. Accordingly, Applicant

respectfully submits that Claims 1, 8 and 14 are fully allowable and requests that the Board reverse the rejections of the Examiner.

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 - 4 and 8 - 20 are fully allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that rejection of pending Claims 1 - 4 and 8 - 20 is unfounded, and request that the rejection of Claims 1 - 4 and 8 - 20 be reversed.

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